



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CODERS DAY

- WHEREAS: Professional medical coders provide invaluable support to physicians, hospitals, insurance payers, clinics, and patients; and
- WHEREAS: Professional medical coders assist in translating patient visits into specific codes used by insurance companies for timely claims processing and ensuring compliance and ethics standards when abstracting key elements from physical documentation; and
- WHEREAS: The need for qualified medical coders in physician office, outpatient and hospital settings continues to increase across the state; and
- WHEREAS: Medical coders uphold high standards which contribute to the United States Department of Health and Human Services' campaign against fraud and abuse in medical reimbursement; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia recognizes the many local chapters across the state, such as the American Academy of Professional Coders, for their dedication to the optimal health and well-being of all citizens; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2017, as PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CODERS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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